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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 11th November 1875.

Read the following letter from A. WEDDERBURN, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 20th October 1875, No. 327 :—

With reference to paragraph 5 of the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 16th September 1875, No. 2,584, I have the honor to inform the Board that I am fully aware of the need of better-constructed channel heads from the main channel of the Calingaroyen. I carefully inspected more than ten miles of this channel, but the improvement of the main channel, by making it level and watertight, is the business of the Public Works Department, and the appointment of a neer monigar of one of the villages at the lower end of the channel would have no appreciable effect.

2. There are three ways in which water may escape from a main channel—first, by badly-constructed sluice vents; second, by leakage through the shutters of a sand sluice; third, by defects in the bank itself: all these three defects should have the careful attention of the Public Works Department, whose duty it is to see that the *main* channel is efficient.

3. A channel is like the bund of a tank; it is the duty of Government, through the Department of Public Works, to keep the bund in order, and no appointment of a distant neer monigar would supply funds for repair.

4. The question before the Board, as I understand, was not the state of repair of public works, but the manner of their supervision.

5. As regards the remedy of the defects of this channel, so far as funds admit, the improvement is continuous. Masonry vents are substituted for cuts in the bank. Eighty masonry sluices were constructed during the past two years at a cost of Rupees 9,368 from irrigation cess, which is more properly for channel supervision than repair; but, as there was an unemployed balance, it was so utilized to the benefit of the rate-payers. When the channel has been put in proper order, for which funds are only partially available, there will be no waste of water.

6. That a great field for improvement is still open was patent to me on my inspection of the anicut which supplies this most important channel. It is silted up nearly to the crest, thereby throwing the current into a waste channel on the other side of the island (*vide* letter printed with G.O., No. 120, of 27th January 1874, Revenue Department). No anicut sand sluice had ever been contemplated.

7. There are no defects in the channel unknown to me, but they require to be removed by the expenditure of a considerable amount, and not by the change of management.

If the defects in the channel which lead to waste of water are such as cannot be remedied by greater attention on the part of the conservancy establishment, the Collector should request the District Engineer to estimate for such works as may be necessary. Both repair and conservancy apparently require attention.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

H. E. Stokes

Acting Secretary.

To the Collector of Coimbatore.

Copy to the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Exd. J. W. Fischer.

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